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SUBJECT: NEPAL TAKES DELIVERY OF EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES

Classified By: CDA Robert Hugins. Reasons 1.4 (b/d).

EDA Delivered

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11. (C) On April 26, the Government of Nepal (GON) took delivery of an estimated USD 35 million of military equipment, including excess defense articles (EDA) and 500 night vision goggles, at Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu. The EDA consisted of non-lethal equipment, such as body armor, helmets, boots, tents, cots, and blankets. The King's February 2005 takeover had delayed delivery.

Comment

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12. (C) We were delighted that the GON finally had the courage to take delivery of the EDA, despite potential criticism from the Maoists. So far, there has been no press coverage of the delivery that could throw a kink into future EDA shipments.  
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